

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE
LIBERALISM, PLURALISM, TRANSNATIONALISM

Terms and concepts to know:

Institutional transnationalism
International Law
Economic transnationalism
Regime
Multinational corporations

Natural Law
Collective security
Interdependence
Complex interdependence
Harmony of Interests

Study and discussion questions:

1. Discuss some of the key differences between the realist school and the transnationalist school of IR.
2. Which of the critiques of transnationalism do you find most and least compelling?
3. Explain the difference between "high" politics and "low" politics.
4. According to Grotius, what is the difference between "private war" and "public war"?
5. How does Wilson's view differ from the realist perspective?
6. In Hedley Bull's article, how does the author suggest that there has always been an international system governed by law? Is such a world viable under current international conditions? Explain.
7. Provide a detailed description of the benefits and costs of interdependence as defined by Nye.
8. Do you believe that Keohane's use of the phrase "informal violence" is a useful alternative to the term *terrorism*? Has the term *terrorism* become too politicized to be useful as an analytical term? If so, why?
9. What aspect of liberalism does Ferguson focus on in the documentary and does it make sense to you with respect to international relations?

Readings:

Genest. *Conflict and Cooperation*, Chapter 3, pp123-190.

Video:

The Ascent of Money, featuring Niall Ferguson.